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THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL ANNOUNCEMENT NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

INSTALLATION OR ACTIVITY NAME Modified BACKFIRE B (Prototype) Bomber					COUNTRY UR
UTM COORDINATES NA	GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES NA	CATEGORY NA	BE NO. NA	COMIREX NO. NA	NIETB NO. NA
MAP REFERENCE NA					
LATEST IMAGERY USED NA			NEGATION DATE (If required) NA		
SCALE OF MODEL 1" = 6'	APPROXIMATE SIZE 23" x 16" x 7"	WEIGHT 3 lb	MODEL CONTROL NO. [REDACTED]	CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET RUFF	[REDACTED] 25X2

This model has been prepared in response to an NPIC Imagery Exploitation Group requirement. Detailed analysis and specifications were provided by the requester.

DESCRIPTION

1. (S/D) This model depicts a modified BACKFIRE B, variable geometry wing, prototype bomber aircraft. This modification program began in August 1977 and entered the weapons test phase in December 1979.
2. (S/D) The modified BACKFIRE B is distinguished from the standard BACKFIRE B by the addition of engine inlets with horizontal ramps and angled side plates and by the streamlined nose on which the probe has been moved to a more centerline position.
3. (S/D) This model was prepared because of the high interest in the BACKFIRE and in observable improvements to the design which could impact on the system's capabilities.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [REDACTED] Warsaw Pact Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [REDACTED]

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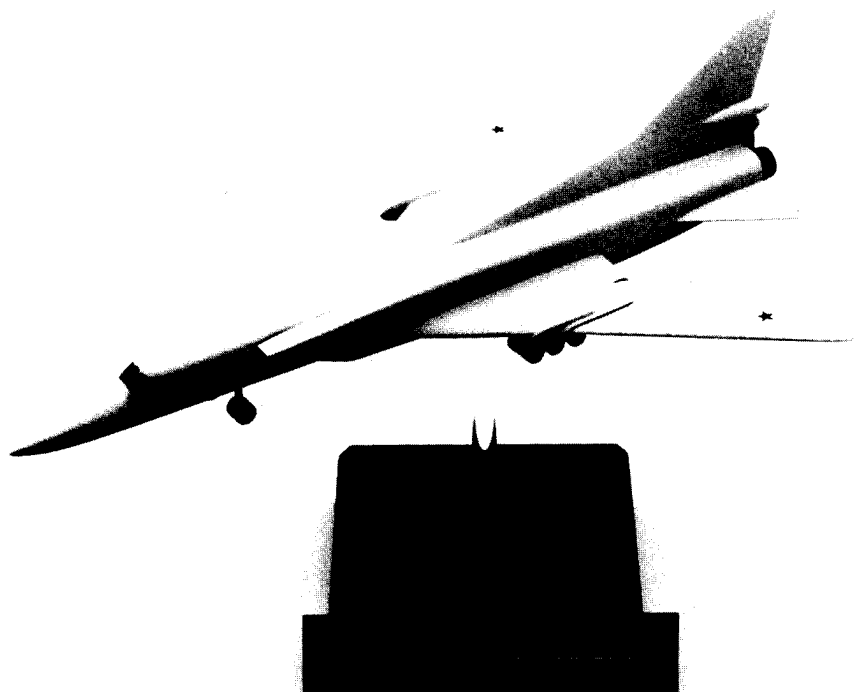
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